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Also enclosed are:

- Form PTO-1449, in duplicate
- Four (4) cited references as listed on Form PTO-1449
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The references submitted are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and a copy of each is enclosed. Review is respectfully requested, and the Examiner is asked to place his/her initials next to each reference listed on the form to indicate that the references were considered. Also enclosed is a copy of the PCT International Search Report dated September 1, 2000 (conducted by the ISA/EP) in corresponding International Application No. PCT/US99/30489.

This Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Furthermore, each item listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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